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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 381AS/50329

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: ROLLING METHOD FOR STRIP ROLLING MILL AND STRIP ROLLING EQUIPMENT

Enclosed are:

- Specification, including 21 claims (pages 35, plus specification front page).
- 8 Sheets of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-8.
- Certified copy of Priority Document 2001-027625 filed in Japan on 2 May 2001 , the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- _x Information Disclosure Statement w/ 9 references.
- The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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